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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

25X1X EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1A DATE OF CONTENT 29 January to 9 February 1953

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 25 February 1953

REFERENCES _____

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25X1 REMARKS [REDACTED]

25X1X SOURCE [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 1. Troop trains [REDACTED] on 3 and 4 February 1953 included: 25X1

| <u>Date in February</u> | <u>Composition of Troop Trains</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 | 10 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 21 flatcars | Forst Zinna | Dallgow- Doeberitz |
| 4 | 9 boxcars and 30 flatcars | Brandenburg- Altstadt | Osterburg |

2. The following troop trains were identified [REDACTED] between 5 and 8 February: 25X1

| <u>Date in February</u> | <u>Composition of Troop Trains</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|-------------------------|--|----------------|-------------|
| 5 | 1 converted boxcar and 7 flatcars | Wittenberg | Forst Zinna |
| 7 | 12 cars | Frankfurt/Oder | Beeskow |
| 8 | 7 boxcars and 25 flatcars | Neuruppin | Forst Zinna |
| | 2 boxcars, 8 converted boxcars and 26 flatcars | Tangerhuetten | Brandenburg |

25X1 3. [REDACTED] that the troop trains [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 [REDACTED] were scheduled to be loaded at Rathenow, and the

25X1 troop train [REDACTED] at Brandenburg-Altstadt on 9 February. 4

4. By order of the Soviet transportation control headquarters, 53 transit-worthy converted boxcars, 1 boxcar for ration supplies, and 4 boxcars for kitchens were to be made available at Frankfurt/Oder on 23 February.

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5. [REDACTED] indicated that, by order of the SCC, the following cars were to be made available on and after 9 February: 450 boxcars and 800 flatcars in the Erfurt railroad district; and 360 boxcars and 911 flatcars in the Schwerin railroad district.

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6. VP trains from Grossenhain listed [REDACTED] included: a train [REDACTED] to Prenzlau on 29 January; and another train [REDACTED] to Loebau on 4 February. Each train carried 100 VP men.²

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop train carried an AT artillery unit of the 1st Mecz Div which moved from Doeberitz to Forst Zinna on 1 February and returned to its home station on 3 February 1953. The return was previously reported [REDACTED].

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop train on 4 February 1953 carried an element of the 20th Army AT Brig (US) of the Third Shock Army and was previously reported by two other sources. [REDACTED] On 8 February 1953, the unit possibly returned to its home station having participated in field exercises in the Stendal area.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The dispatching stations indicate that units loaded on the troop trains included: a tank unit of the 6th Gds Tank Div on the train with [REDACTED] the unit probably moved to the Werder-Markendorf troop training grounds for short-term firing practices; a unit of the 7th Gds Mecz Div on the train [REDACTED] and a unit of the 12th Gds Tank Div on the train [REDACTED].

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. As on 25 January 1953, probably additional components of the 6th Arty Div were to be transported from Rathenow to the Altengrabow troop training grounds for a firing practice of several days. [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. A cadre unit of KVPD 1916 is stationed in Grossenhain. It is believed that the trains carried VP personnel transferred to the Division Franzlau of the Armeegruppe Nord. During the winter, the 3rd Inf Regt of the above division is quartered in Loebau.

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